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On the Hill



On January 6, 1987, the first session of the 100th Congress convened. Fifty new House members and 10 new Senators were sworn in. The House class of 1986 has been characterized as "middle-aged and polite." Only one House freshman is under the age 34; the average freshman is nearly 46 years old.

There are several "firsts" for the 100th Congress. Rep. Mike Espy (D-MS) is the first black elected to a House seat from Mississippi in this century. Rep. Patricia Saiki (R-HI) is the first Republican elected to a national office from Hawaii since Hawaii became a state. Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) is the first female Democrat elected to the Senate without succeeding her husband; in addition, at 4'11" she is one of the shortest Senators ever to serve and makes a strong counterpoint to Sen. Bradley (D-NJ) who is 6'7". The award for the most interesting name goes to Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-MD).

As of press time, official committee assignments have not been made.

-Frank Ippolito

FNS Celebrates Dr. King's Birthday

January 15, 1987

Fourth Floor Conference Room

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Theme: "Living the Dream"



SWRO Hosts Commodity Meeting

Improved Federal management of the commodities program, a more efficient state administration, expanded commodity usage, and a positive image were among the special commodity initiatives presented during a week-long series of meetings in Dallas recently.

FNS participants from Headquarters and the Southwest Regional Office met with nearly two dozen representatives of all of the region's food distribution, child care, and education state agencies to discuss the commodity initiatives. They followed up on recommendations of improved quality of food, simplified ordering and more reliable delivery, more consistent administration, and improved communications.

In the Southwest Region, these initiatives will be translated into individual state plans.



SWRO Special Nutrition Programs
Director Hap Pullium addresses
attendees at the commodity meeting.

-Article by Yves Gerem
Photo by Judy Snow
SWRO Public Affairs Staff

MPRO Shares Christmas Spirit

Each year Mountain Plains Regional Office employees take part in a holiday gift drive coordinated by the Denver Federal Executive Board (DFEB) to benefit children and elderly shut-ins, many of whom would have no Christmas celebration without the generosity of others.

This year during a 2-week drive in early December MPRO staffers opened their hearts to the less fortunate, contributing 340 gifts to the DFEB's effort. According to Irene Wise, this year's MPRO chairperson, most gifts were of high quality and many brand new. Gifts were left unwrapped so the recipient agencies, Child Opportunity and Denver Opportunity, could designate gifts by age and sex. Wrappings could be given separately.

Child Opportunity also received a load of new toys "exchanged" by MPRO employees at their annual Christmas luncheon. For the past 2 years, luncheon attendees have exchanged names and bought gifts (to be given to Child Opportunity) to "suit" the person whose name was drawn.

Wise is pictured below with two lovely handmade dolls that were donated and surely brightened a young child's eyes on Christmas morning.



-Article by Joanne Widner
Photo by Craig Forman
MPRO Public Affairs Staff

MWRO AND MPRO Hold Meeting

The Midwest and Mountain Plains Regions held a joint Child Nutrition/Food Distribution State Directors Meeting in Minneapolis. Concurrent workshops were held to examine the key food distribution issues of processing and delivery systems as well as other general commodity operation concerns. Child nutrition panels discussed State Administrative Expense, the Key Element Reporting System, Organization Wide Audits, and the rewrite of Part 210 regulations. A panel headed by Midwest Public Affairs and media representatives suggested ways to promote the Child Nutrition Programs. In addition, an update on FNS child nutrition studies was provided by the Office of Analysis and Evaluation. And on the last day of the meeting, another panel presented financial management concerns as related to child nutrition.



Russ Circo (right), MWRO child nutrition director, welcomed 59 attendees representing all the child nutrition state agencies in the two regions as well as some alternate state agencies, staff from the two regional offices, the Child Nutrition, Food Distribution, and Nutrition and Technical Services Divisions and the Office of Analysis and Evaluation. Featured above (left to right) are Barbara Sandoval, MPRO deputy administrator; Tom Pate, MWRO deputy administrator; Forrest Moore, MPRO special nutrition director; and Hank Winawer, Utah child nutrition state director.

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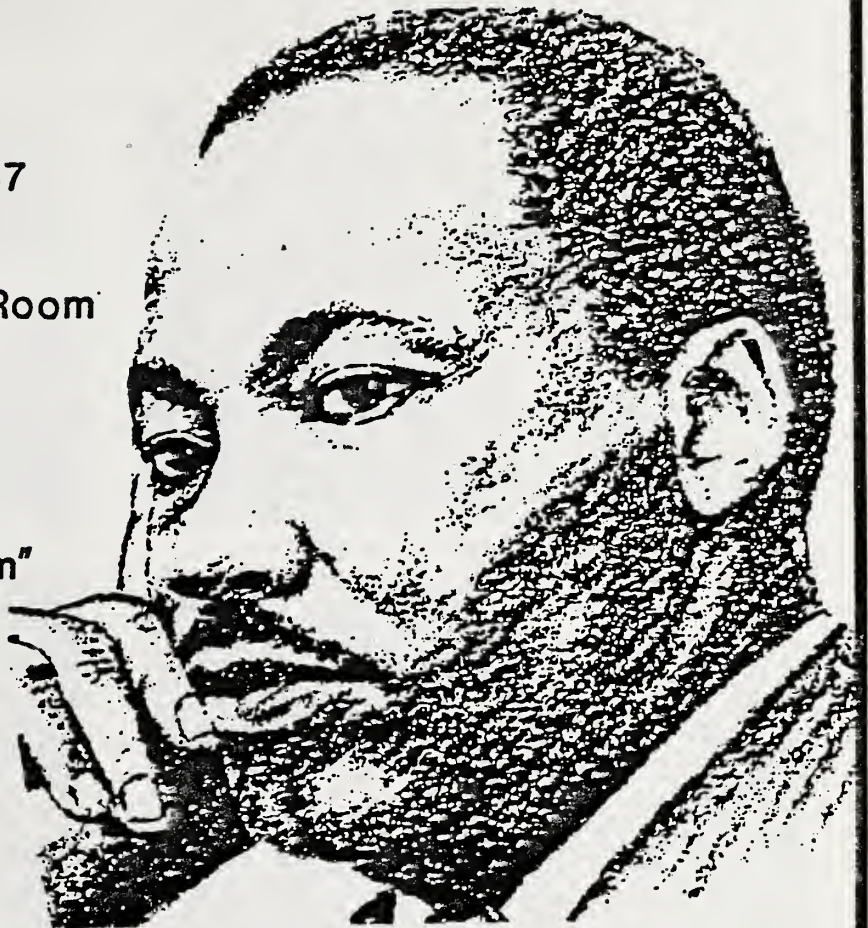
FNS CELEBRATES
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY

Thursday, January 15, 1987

Fourth Floor Conference Room

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday will be celebrated by the Nation on Monday, January 19. This marks the second year Dr. King's birthday has been commemorated as a Federal holiday.

To honor his birthday, FNS Headquarters will hold a special program on Thursday, January 15 (the actual date of Dr. King's birthday) at 10:00 a.m. in the fourth floor conference room. Administrator Leard will give the opening remarks reflecting upon Dr.

King's dream of equality, harmony and justice for all. The keynote speaker, Dr. Samuel Miller, Chairman of the History Department at Bowie State College, will highlight Dr. King's major achievements. Finally, our own Gregg Evans of the Program Accounting Division will closeout the program by singing "The Impossible Dream."

All FNS employees are encouraged to attend.

Compliance Branch Holds National Meeting

The Compliance Branch held its ninth national meeting in Alexandria, Virginia, in which all full-time field employees participated. Highlights of the meeting included a day's seminar on investigative techniques, a session on stress management, and presentations by the Office of the Inspector General, Office of the General Counsel, and FNS staff

on selected topics. Administrator Robert Leard, Associate Administrator Sonia Crow, and FNP Deputy Administrator John Stokes also addressed the meeting. Area office secretaries participated in a micro-computer training session. Group pictures of personnel from the six Compliance Branch area offices are shown below.



Atlanta, Georgia Area Office



Chicago, Illinois Area Office



Dallas, Texas Area Office



Memphis, Tennessee Area Office



Oakland, California Area Office



Trenton, New Jersey Area Office

Food Programs Participation Update

Following are preliminary estimates of participation in the Federal-State food assistance programs for the month of October with comparisons to the previous month and to the same month of last year.

	<u>Oct. 1985</u>	<u>Sep. 1986</u>	<u>Oct. 1986 2/</u>
<u>Food Stamp Program: 1/</u>			
People participating (mil.)	19.2	19.1	19.1
Value of bonus coupons (\$mil.)	879.8	864.1	879.3
Average bonus per person	\$ 45.75	\$ 45.25	\$ 46.04
Total program cost (\$mil.)	969.9	954.3	975.6
<u>National School Lunch Program:</u>			
Number of schools participating (thous.)	89.1	89.1	89.0
Children participating (mil.)	24.3	23.1	24.3
Children reached with free or reduced price lunches (mil.)	11.7	10.6	11.8
Percentage of lunches served free	42.0	40.1	41.9
Percentage of lunches served at reduced price.	6.7	5.6	6.8
Total program cost (\$mil.)	391.8	362.7	409.4
<u>School Breakfast Program:</u>			
Number of schools participating (thous.)	35.4	35.4	36.1
Children participating (mil.)	3.6	3.3	3.8
Percentage of breakfasts served free or at reduced price	88.4	87.6	88.4
Total program cost (\$mil.)	49.5	44.2	53.1
<u>Child Care Food Program:</u>			
Number of meals served in centers (mil.)	40.6	33.4	39.3
Number of meals served in homes (mil.)	23.8	23.5	24.9
Percentage of all meals served free	77.8	76.9	77.7
Total program cost (\$mil.)	45.0	40.9	46.0
<u>Special Supplemental Food Program (WIC):</u>			
People participating (mil.)	3.3	3.4	3.4
Food cost (\$mil.)	105.3	108.9	108.9
Total program cost (\$mil.)	131.6	144.4	138.9
<u>Commodity Supplemental Food Program:</u>			
People participating (thous.)	146.8	135.7	137.7
Total program cost (\$mil.)	2.6	2.4	2.5
<u>Food Distribution to Indians and Needy Families:</u>			
Number of projects in operation	104	106	107
People participating (thous.)	141.3	142.5	144.3
Total program cost (\$mil.)	4.0	4.2	4.0

1/ Puerto Rico has been excluded from all months.

2/ Data collected as of December 30, 1986.

Job Opportunities

FNS is seeking to fill the following vacant positions. To be considered for one of them, submit an up-to-date SF-171, Personal Qualifications Statement, and current performance appraisal to the appropriate personnel office. If you're interested in a Headquarters position, apply to the Employment Branch, Personnel Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Alexan-

dria, Virginia 22302. Apply directly to Headquarters office for all GM-14 and 15 positions. For Regional positions, directly to the Regional Office. For details on the requirements for any of the positions listed below, consult the official vacancy announcement. These are posted on designated bulletin boards or you can get copies from the appropriate Regional or Headquarters personnel office.

Friday Letter Vacancy Listing By Vacancy Number

Job Title	Area of Consid.	Series	Grade	Closing Date	Vacancy Number	Organizational Unit
Clerk/Typist	(L)	GS-322	2/3/4	Open until filled	86-35	FNS
Nutritionist	(A)	GS-630	5/7	01-26-87	86-76	NTSD
Secretary Typing	(G)	GS-318	5	01-26-87	86-H-77	HNIS
Food Prgm. Speclst.	(G)	GS-120	5/7	01-26-87	86-68	SFPD
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Mathematical Statcn.	(A)	GS-1529	13	01-26-87	87-01	PAD
Mgmt. Analyst	(FNS N)	GM-343	13	01-20-87	87-02	IRMD
Comp. Prgmr. Analyst (Temp Prom - 1 yr)	(FNS N)	GS-334	13	01-26-87	87-03	IRMD
Investigator (PT)	(G)	GS-1810	5	01-26-87	87-04	PAD
Investigator (PT)	(G)	GS-1810	5	01-26-87	87-05	PAD
Investigator (PT)	(G)	GS-1810	5	01-26-87	87-06	PAD
Secretary Typing	(G/L)	GS-318	6/7	01-26-87	87-07	FM
Food Program Speclst.	(FNS H)	GS-120	5	01-20-87	87-08	CND
Food Program Speclst.	(G)	GS-120	5/7	02-02-87	87-10	SFPD
Food Program Speclst.	(G)	GS-120	5/7	02-02-87	87-10A	SFPD
Investigator	(G)	GS-1810	5/7	02-02-87	87-11	PAD
Investigator	(G)	GS-1810	5/7	02-02-87	87-12	PAD
Statistician (Gen.)	(A)	GS-1530	11/12	02-02-87	87-13	PAD
Food Program Speclst. (Temp Prom - 1 yr)	(FNS H)	GS-120	12	01-26-87	87-14	PAD
Mathematical Statcn. (Prom Pot to GS-14)	(A)	GS-1529	13	02-02-87	87-H-01	HNIS
Mathematical Statcn. (Prom Pot to GS-13)	(A)	GS-1529	12	02-02-87	87-H-02	HNIS
Comp. Prog. Analyst	(G)	GS-334	7/9	01-17-87	SWR-8704	SWRO
Comp. Syst. Analyst	(G)	GS-334	11/12	02-20-87	SWR-8705	SWRO

FNS - Food and Nutrition Service
 FNP - Family Nutrition Program
 HNIS - Human Nutrition Information Service
 SFPD - Supplemental Food Programs Division
 OAE - Office of Analysis and Evaluation
 NTSD - Nutrition and Technical Service Division
 PAD - Program Accountability Division
 IRMD - Information Resources Management Division
 FM - Financial Management
 CND - Child Nutrition Division
 SWRO - Southwest Region, Dallas, TX.

Area of Consideration:

(FNS H) - FNS Headquarters
 (FNS N) - FNS Nationwide
 (G) - Government-wide
 (A) - All Sources
 (L) - Local Commuting Area